

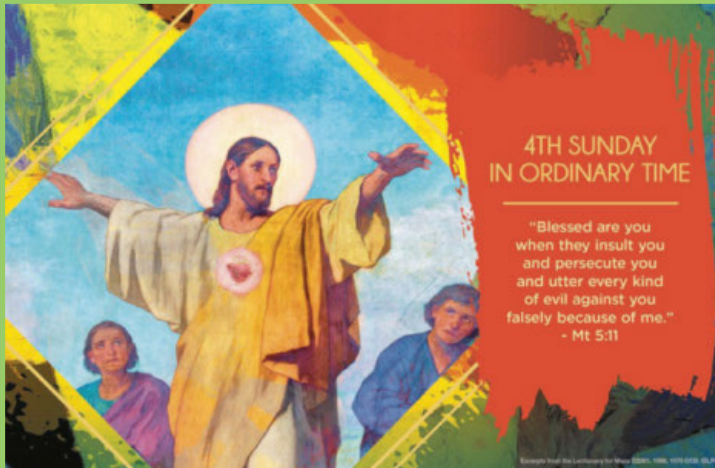
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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 2023**



In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross. Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— *Father John Muir*



Prayer Line

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28 — 29, 2023

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Sheila and †Jerry Chemerka requested by their children

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Viola Sobol who is celebrating her Birthday requested by Cathy DePathy

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, JANUARY 30 — No Mass**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 — No Mass**

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after Mass

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Joan Wollmerhauser — (6 month Anniversary) requested by Cecile Piette



**Saint Maurice Church
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration
FEBRUARY 3rd**

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Our Lady of Fatima

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Angie.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

Thank you, MaryAnn

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

**Observances for the week of January 29, 2023**

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life

Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 22 — \$3,125

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *MATTHEW 5:3*

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

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FALL 2023 PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

St. Bridget School – Jan. 29, 9 am; Mar. 2, 6 pm

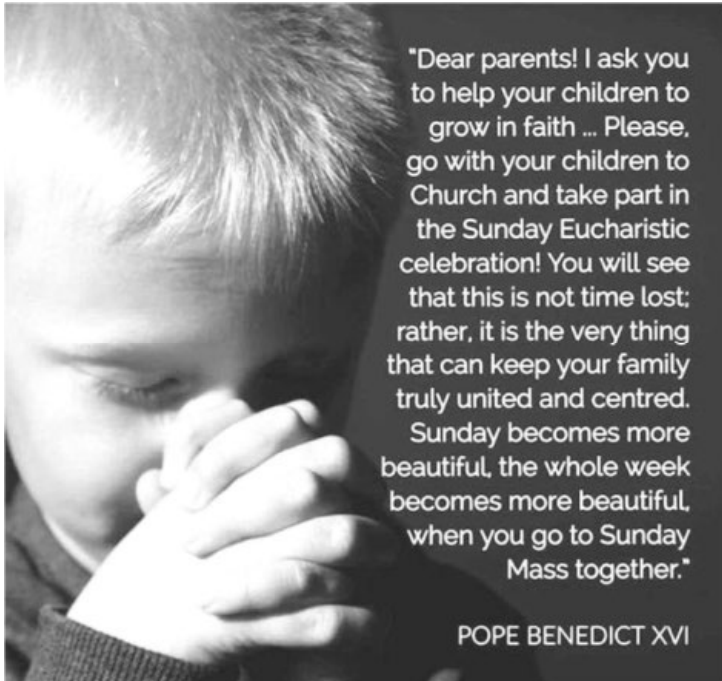
St. James School – Jan. 31, 9:30 am; (K-8 program only)

Mar. 23, 6 pm (pre-K & K-8 programs)

Informational tours are also available by appointment.

St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St., are now accepting new student applications for the 2023-24 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a safe, respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance available to qualifying families.

To learn more, please contact Kathy Sheridan, St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy Guenther, St. James School, aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088



"Dear parents! I ask you to help your children to grow in faith ... Please, go with your children to Church and take part in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration! You will see that this is not time lost; rather, it is the very thing that can keep your family truly united and centred. Sunday becomes more beautiful, the whole week becomes more beautiful, when you go to Sunday Mass together."

POPE BENEDICT XVI



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at

<https://www.mectw.org/>.

In the Beatitude it says "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst." Do you hunger and thirst for a better relationship with your spouse? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you along this journey. You and your spouse can sign up to attend. Experiences available are:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a marriage enrichment entitled *The Joy of Love* on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The enrichment will take place live at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Gales Ferry. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love*, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. The cost is \$30 per couple which covers lunch and workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 3. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. The next virtual meeting of Brothers in Christ will feature Pat McLaughlin speaking about being a Faith filled Husband on Thursday February 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



Virtual Project Rachel Rosary

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be February 21st, please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001


Access code: 132 917 2663



Virtual Lenten Mission

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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